

Remarks

The Office Action mailed May 24, 2007 and made final has been carefully reviewed and the following amendment is submitted in consequence thereof.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required and that no additional fee for claims is required. If any additional fee is required for an extension of term or claims, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

Claims 1-15, 19-24 and 26 and 28-29 are now pending in this application, of which claims 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 19, 26 and 28 are amended. Claim 27 is cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 19, 26 and 28 are amended to correct clerical errors in the respective claims, and are respectfully submitted to be clarifying amendments that do not change the scope of the claims. The amendments to claims 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 19, 26 and 28 are not required for patentability and no new matter is introduced in any of the amended claims.

The rejection of claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tan in view of Covell is respectfully traversed. The cancellation of claim 27 renders the rejection moot, and Applicants accordingly request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 27 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and is not made in acquiescence with the position taken in the Final Office Action with respect to claim 27. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 27 in a continuation application.

The indication of allowability of claims 1-15, 19-24, 26, 28 and 29 is noted with appreciation.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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